

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION
REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. **03V-084** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **March 7, 2003** Date Faxed & E-Mailed: **March 12, 2003**

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SUBJECT: **268,000 Nissan 2002-2003 Altima vehicles equipped with the 2.5 liter engine produced from August 1, 2001 through February 18, 2003; and 2002 Sentra vehicles equipped with the 2.5 liter engine produced from September 27, 2001 through July 19, 2002. The exhaust pipe hanger pin may catch debris from the road which could be ignited by contact with the main catalyst. In addition, for 2002 Altima and Sentra vehicles equipped with the 2.5 liter engine, certain engine operating conditions may cause the pre-catalyst to overheat and damage the catalyst substrate.**

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written if we have additional comments or concerns.

This recall was the subject of an Preliminary Evaluation, PB02-078, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

Please provide us with a draft owner notification letter for our review before mailing to consumers.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, distributor/owner notification is expected to begin during May 2003. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by July 2003.

If you have any questions, please call:



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